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SUBJ: UNICEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BOARD MEETING - MONDAY

PM MAY 19

1. BOARD MEETING CONTINUED AFTERNOON MAY 19 WITH COMMENTS BY LABOUISSSE ON VARIOUS PARTS OF MANAGEMENT STUDY; AND AT REQUEST OF THAI REP COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS ON STUDY WERE POSTPONED UNTIL FRIDAY MAY 23 WHEN SUBJECT TO BE TAKEN UP IN COMMITTEE. BOARD ADJOURNED AND RECONVENED ITSELF INTO PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

2. FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND ELECTION OF CIE-CHAIRMAN PROGRAM COMMITTEE HEARD STATEMENT OF CHARLES EGGER, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMES. SYNOPSIS OF EGGER'S COMMENTS FOLLOW:

- COMMITTEE WILL HAVE BEFORE IT 62 RECOMMENDATIONS 68 COUNTRIES;
 - PROGRAM LEVEL OF \$254 MILLION FOR 1976;
 - COMMITMENTS FOR LONG-TERM PROJECTS MAY HAVE TO BE REDUCED BECAUSE OF USE OF GENERAL RESOURCES FUNDS FOR RELIEF AND REHABILITATION;
 - THERE IS NEED TO INTEGRATE THE SEVERAL ELEMENTS OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES INTO A UNIFIED PACKAGE, ALSO NEED TO INTEGRATE WITH OTHER PARTS OF UN UN FAMIL;
 - STUDY OF THE YOUNG CHILD BEING FAINALIZED (COMMENTED
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ON PROGRAMMATIC ASPECTS THIS POTENTIAL EMPHASIS);

- PROBLEM OF SLUMS AND SHANTY TOWNS STILL IN PERIOD OF TRIAL AND EXPERIMENTATION; IMPLEMENTATION IS SLOW, REFLECTING IN THE MAIN FACT THAT GOVERNMENTS HAVE NO PLANS; WILL BE CONSULTING WITH CHBP, IBRD AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS AND WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HABITAT;

- IN AREA OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AID AGENCIES WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT POLICIES WHICH EVOLVED FROM RECENT REGIONAL MEETINGS THIS SUBJECT, I.E. TO EXPAND PLANNING HORIZONS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT APPROACHES BROADER THAN PURE FAMILY PLANNING; APPEALED ESPECIALLY TO UNFPA TO TAKE THE RESULTS OF THESE MEETINGS INTO ACCOUNT;

- IN AREA OF INFORMAL EDUCATION NOTED THAT UNESCO:UNICEF WORKING GROUP TO BE SET UP SOON TO EXAMINE LESSONS LEARNED; NOTED THAT INFORMAL EDUCATION IS NOT A PROGRAM ITSELF BUT TO BE WOVEN INTO OTHER PROGRAMS;

- SUMMARIZED UNICEF EFFORTS AT PROGRAM EVALUATION AND MONITORING; THERE IS NEED TO IMPROVE INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS AND NEED TO IMPROVE METHODOLOGY;

- NOTED THAT UNDP SHOWING GREATER INTEREST IN UNICEF PROJECTS; ALSO NOTED THAT UNICEF'S ABILITY TO ORGANIZE A PROJECT FROM BEGINNING TO END AND ITS FLEXIBLE APPROACH HAS NOT GONE UNNOTICED BY UNDP.

3. FOUR DELEGATIONS RAISED QUESTIONS OR MADE COMMENTS (EGYPT, COLUMBIA, PAKISTAN, FRG). COLUMBIA REP PLUGGED FOR A UNICEF STUDY ON PROBLEMS OF ADOPTION AND INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKING IN ABANDONED CHILDREN. PAKISTAN REP NOTED THAT IT COULD SUPPORT THE RATIONALIZATION OF ADOPTION LAWS BUT COULD NOT SEE UNICEF ACTING AS BROKER BETWEEN THE SUPPLIERS AND DEMANDERS OF CHILDREN. FRG REP WANTED TO KNOW WHAT THE LOCAL RESPONSE HAD BEEN TO UNICEF PROGRAMS.

4. MEETING CONCLUDED WITH A STATEMENT BY REP FROM ESA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, CITING UN HISTORY IN FIELD OF ADOPTION.
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